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SUBJECT: REPORTAGE OF TRAVELING PRESS, SATURDAY, MARCH 2.

FOR VEST FROM KING

SUMMARY: ALL REPORTING COVERED CONCENTRATED ON OUTLINES
OF ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT PLAN, SYRIAN REJECTION THEREOF,
NIXON TRIP TO ME, HAK'S ITINERARY AND, FINALLY SYRIAN-
ISRAELI AGREEMENT TO MEET IN WASHINGTON TO NEGOTIATE.
END SUMMARY.

1. NYT'S GWERTZMAN LEADS P1 PIECE EX DAMASCUS WITH RED
CROSS VISITS TO ISRAELI POW'S. SHIFTS TO PRESIDENT'S
PLANNED ME VISIT, WITH OFFICIALS SAYING IT WOULD PROBABLY
NOT OCCUR UNTIL SECOND HALF THIS YEAR AND WOULD INCLUDE
ISRAEL, JORDAN, OTHER COUNTRIES IN AREA BESIDES EGYPT.
STORY SAYS WITHOUT ATTRIBUTION THAT HAK ASSURED IN CAIRO
THAT SADAT URGING ASSAD TO NEGOTIATE SERIOUSLY AND TO THAT
END SENT COS GAMASY TO DAMASCUS TO ADVANCE HAK'S
ARRIVAL THERE. STORY WINDS UP WITH DETAILED ANALYSIS
SYRIAN ISRAELI POLITICAL PROBLEMS AND NEGOTIATING STANCES

PLUS STUDY OF THE REMAINDER OF HAK'S ITINERARY. NO DIRECT
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QUOTES FROM OFFICIAL PARTY.

2. WASHPOST HAS BERGER INSIDE (P4) LEADING WITH DELIVERY OF ISRAELI DISENGAGEMENT SUGGESTION TO DAMASCUS AND NOTING IT DOES NOT CONSTITUTE SPECIFIC PROPOSAL SINCE ANYTHING TOO PRECISE AT THIS POINT WOULD BRING CONFRONTATION. ANY EVENT NOTES SYRIAN STATEMENT SUGGESTION "NOT ACCEPTED: AND GOES ON TO US OFFICIALS CONFIRMING PRESIDENT'S ME TRAVEL PLANS. STORY THEN SHIFTS BACK TO ISRAELI SUGGESTIONS AND, ATTRIBUTING INFO TO FRESH REPORTS FROM JERUSALEM, REHASHES DMZ PLAN FIRST PUBLISHED BY SMITH IN NYT YESTERDAY. THERE FOLLOWS LONG, INVOLVED AND WHOLLY UNEXCEPTIONAL ANALYSIS OF NEGOTIATING SITUATION AT END OF WHICH SHE HAS US OFFICIALS SAYING HAK MAY COME UP WITH PROPOSAL OF HIS OWN, ALA EGYPTIAN FORMULA. RECAPS ISRAELI, EGYPT VISITS AND QUOTES HAK'S CAIRO FLAG-RAISING PROMISE TO STUDY ECONOMIC AID FOR EGYPT. NO DIRECT QUOTES FROM PARTY.

3. BALTSUN'S KEAT MANAGES P1 SPACE TO INFORM US "GOLAN TALKS REMAIN AT AN IMPASSE." ASSAD AND HAK, HE REPORTS, FAILED TO REACH HOPED-FOR AGREEMENT ON DISENGAGEMENT MECHANICS, ADDING THAT SPARSLEY-WORDED STATEMENTS OF BOTH

SIDES CONSTITUTE SETBACK FOR HAK WHO HOPED EARLIER IN WEEK TO GET NEGOTIATIONS STARTED IN GENEVA. TEMPERS JUDGEMENT IMMEDIATELY WHEN HE NOTES STATEMENTS INDICATE PRELIMINARY NEGOTIATIONS SITE AND FORMAT WOULD CONTINUE. SAID NO DETAILS FROM HAK'S MEETING WITH ASSAD, ADDING HAK TOLD EVEN SENIOR MEMBERS US PARTY NOTHING OF WHAT TRANSPIRED. EVEN WITH SETBACK HAK DOES NOT APPEAR DEPRESSED. STORY THEN LAUNCHES INTO LONG RECOUNT EVENTS OF RECENT DAYS, NEGOTIATING TECHNIQUES AND OBJECTIVES, PRESIDENT'S ME TRIP, AND TO-ING AND FRO-ING OF VARIOUS FIGURES INVOLVED IN PRESENT EFFORT TO BRING PEACE TO ME. ONLY NUGGET, BURIED DEEP IN TALE AND SEEN NOWHERE ELSE IN PRINT THIS AYEM, IS THIS: ALTHOUGH US OFFICIALS WOULD NOT SAY SO, SPECIFICALLY, THEY IMPLIED THAT SADAT AGREED THURSDAY TO A LONGER EXTENSION OF UNEF POLICING OF BUFFER ZONE BETWEEN EGYPT AND ISRAEL IN THE SINAI...DR. KISSINGER HOPES IT WILL BE RENEWED BY UNSC FOR A LONGER PERIOD. NO DIRECT QUOTES FROM PARTY THROUGHOUT STORY.

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4. WASHSTAR'S O'LEARY MAKES P1 WITH NEWS SYRIA, ISRAEL AGREE TO SEND DIPLOMATIC/MILITARY REPRESENTATIVES TO WASHINGTON TO NEGOTIATE FIRST PHASE OF GOLAN DISENGAGEMENT. ATTRIBUTING THIS TO US OFFICIALS TRAVELING WITH HAK, STORY GOES ON TO SAY THIS DEVELOPMENT "ANNOUNCED" AS HAK FLEW OFF TO RIYADH. EXPLAINS WASHINGTON'S NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN TWO PARTIES WILL BE WITH HAK, NOT WITH EACH OTHER.

SPARE STORY THEN BRIEFLY (L50 WORDS) RECAPS RECENT DEVELOP-
MENTMENTS HAK'S ME TRAVELS.

5. NO OTHER TRAVELERS' PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE; ALL LOST
IN DEPARTMENTS'MAIL ROOM. TWO WIRES CONTINUE STRAIGHT
AND AMPLE COVERAGE. CASEY

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